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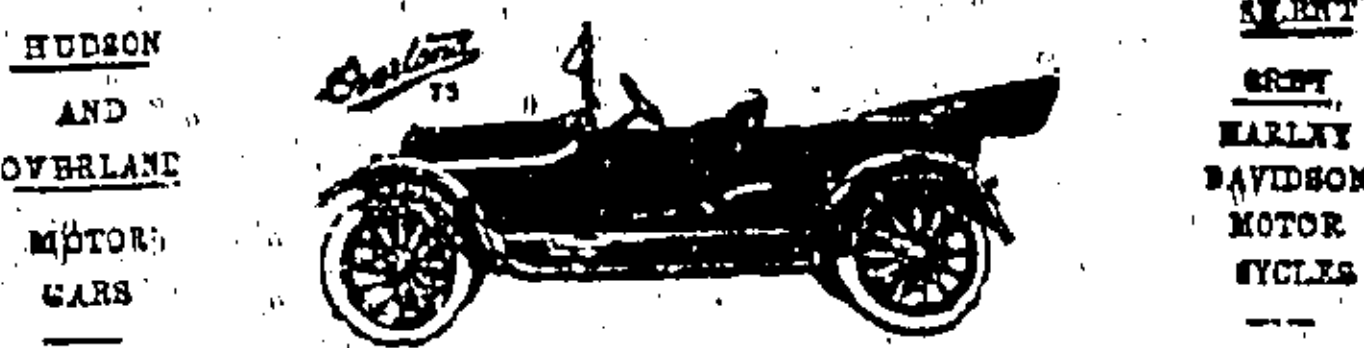
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THE WAR.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

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A DISGRACEFUL DEBACLE

EXECUTION OF TRAITORS THE
CURE.

WHOLE DIVISION BLOWN TO
PIECES.

LONDON, July 26.

The Morning Post Correspondent at Petrograd states that General Korniloff promptly acted upon the resolution of the Soldiers' Committee, that execution was the only cure for military traitors, with the result that a whole Division of the Eleventh Army on the Galician Front, was blown to pieces by its own artillery. This Army was lavishly equipped with aeroplanes, aviators and British armoured cars, and its artillery was posted in an ideal position, yet the infantry shot their own guns in order to get horses as the men retreated, with the result that the artillery was captured. There is no hope of saving the artillery of the Seventh and Eighth Armies and it is doubtful whether the Eighth Army will escape.

A bright spot in this disgraceful débacle was the gallantry of the British armoured cars, commanded by Colonel Locker-Lampson, which remained to fight the advancing Germans absolutely unsupported.

THE GALLANTRY OF THE BRITISH ARMoured CARS.

LONDON, July 26.

The Times Correspondent at Russian Headquarters, telegraphing on July 23, states that the British armoured cars and the trench mortar sections were most gallant and self-sacrificing in covering the Russian retreat. The infantry deserted their Allies, hence the British stand was unavailing. The Commander-in-Chief personally congratulated Colonel Locker-Lampson and presented 26 Crosses of St. George to the latter's men.

The British casualties are one officer and four men wounded.

By a marvel of coolness, the military stores were removed or destroyed, though scarcely any time was available.

Those two British Sections soon afterwards came into action again, co-operating with the cavalry in the defence of Tarnopol.

General Korniloff was appointed Commander-in-chief on this Front when the mischief was already irreparable. He has begun his difficult task by withdrawing the Armies and enforcing discipline, and he has written to Petrograd insisting upon the abolition of the system of military committees; otherwise he will resign.

SUCCESS ON RUMANIAN FRONT.

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LONDON, July 26.

A Russian official message, transmitted by wireless, states:—

The Rumanians, on July 24 and 25, took over 1,000 prisoners, 63 guns, 17 machine-guns, 10 mine throwers and much material.

The Russians, also, on the Rumanian front, took 1,000 prisoners and 24 guns.

CASUALTIES IN THE WOMEN'S BATTALION.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

The Women's "Battalion of Death" has suffered casualties in the fighting at Smorgon and Kroyo.

REVOLUTIONARY COURTS MARTIAL.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

A Decree creates on every Front a Revolutionary Court Martial, each composed of three officers and three privates, to deal with mutinies, disobedience, treachery, etc.

THE GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, July 26.

A German official message, transmitted by wireless, states:—

Our artillery closed up the breach the Russians made in our line, to the south of Smorgon, compelling the Russians to retreat, and regaining almost the whole of our former position.

We gained, during stubborn engagements, the heights to the west of Tarnopol. We captured Buzacz, Tarnacz, Ottynin and Delatyn.

Owing to our pressure to the north of the Dniester, the Russian Carpathian front has commenced to weaken to the south of the Tartar Pass. The Russians are retreating in the direction of Corowitz. Our attack drove off the Russians from the Bahalunowa heights.

A RUSSIAN MANIFESTO.

LONDON, July 26.

A wireless message states that the Executive of the Russian Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates have issued a manifesto as follows:—

Great misfortunes are descending on the country and the Revolution. Serious defeats of the Army are opening the way for the enemy and increasing the general panic, thus preparing the soil for the poisonous seeds of a counter-revolution.

The absence of discipline, the efforts to mutiny, anarchy and open treachery are facilitating Field Marshal von Hindenburg's offensive and have caused a terrible break in our Front.

The Revolution and Freedom are endangered. Strong bourgeois are already organising in favour of the old regime, and the Provisional Government, organising measures to defend and strengthen the Front, to carry out pressing democratic and social reforms and relentlessly to crush the counter-revolution, appeals for a submission to authority in their faithful hope, to ensure that the results of the Revolution shall not perish.

THE COUNTRY'S POSITION.

A CONFERENCE AT MOSCOW.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

The Government is convoking a conference at Moscow of the delegates of the principal representative bodies in Russia, to consider the country's position.

The Judiciary is taking measures to bring to justice all organisers of the recent revolt against the Government.

M. Kerensky, the Premier, in an interview, said that the re-establishment of the death penalty at the Front was absolutely necessary as an alternative to sacrificing the army to traitors.

NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR OF PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

General Polovtsov, the Military Governor of Petrograd, has resigned, and General Erdelli, the Commander of the Eleventh Army, has been appointed as his successor.

WOMEN'S MILITARY CONGRESS.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

A Women's Military Congress will be convened on August 5.

Countess Panin has resigned the assistant Ministry of Public Aid.

INCITEMENT TO DISOBEDIENCE BY NEWSPAPERS.

PETROGRAD, July 26.

The Government is suspending the newspapers which incite disobedience of military orders and acts of violence. The editors will be tried.

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ONE OF THE MINOR HORRORS
OF WAR.

[BY A JUNIOR SERGEANT.]

One can get accustomed to anything,
even the monotony of war as waged in
Macedonia, and though only a junior
subaltern I had been serving for more
than nine months with my battalion on
the Salonika front, so that my existence
was a calm and contented one. I had
grown thoroughly to understand my
platoon and knew precisely whose kit
required constant checking and whose
letters needed vigilant censorship, the
principal duties of a regimental officer
during a period of "rest." I was, how-
ever, rudely awakened from this pleasant
life, by a message from the Adjutant
ordering me to depart with a sergeant and
twelve men to a certain spot to act as
"Examining Guard."

I cannot say that I was pleased and I
hated leaving my platoon. My fellow
subaltern gave me but little consolation,
for the Lewis gun and bomb specialists
were haughtily contemptuous of such a
communal duty, while those who like
myself merely commanded platoons and
possessed no special accomplishments
exulted loudly because such a lonely and
tedious task had not fallen to their lot.

The only comfort I got came from my
company commander. Seeing that I was
depressed he took me aside and said,
"Look here you needn't think this job
you've got is a sort of baby prize or that
you're very junior as far as rank is con-
cerned, you've been with us longer than
some of the other boys and the C.O.
knows that he can trust you by yourself."

After all it is a show of your own and
you wouldn't have been given it unless
we knew that you would keep the men up
to the mark and maintain the credit of the
battalion. This put a slightly better
aspect on things but I did not feel particu-
larly cheery when I and my small party
left camp followed by a pack mule loaded
with the men's blankets and bivouac
sheets and my scanty kit.

THE APPOINTED PLACE.

After twelve miles trek across country
we reached the appointed place, where we
found the subaltern of the Divisional
Cyclist Company, whom we had come to
relieve. He showed me the guard house,
a ramshackle relic of the Turkish occupa-
tion. It had two rooms, one of which I
allotted to the guard, while I occupied the
other myself. While the rest of the men
pitched their bivouacs behind the hut,

the subaltern took me to look at the
water supply and explained my duties.
You mount the guard daily, and inspect
it once by day and once by night. You
make your sentries inspect the passes of
everyone not in an organised unit who
goes past the post. This month the
passes are pink the A.P.M.L. of C. will
let you know when the colour changes.
"Do I look at officer's passes as well?"
"You should do so but it's as well to
exercise discretion. A Major-General in
a hurry doesn't particularly relish having
his car stopped. With subalterns and
captains you're quite safe. And what
do you do with yourself the rest of the
time?" "Oh anything you like. Collect
butterflies or learn the language. Chris-
toforos the interpreter messes with the
men, but he loves talk. You'll have
plenty of leisure to spend with him.
Well, I think that's all. So long."

CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD.

In a few minutes he and his men had
huddled away in a cloud of sunlight and
I was left to my own devices. It did
not take me long to settle down, and I
found the work by no means interest-
ing. The road was one of the main
thoroughfares by which our armies were
supplied and a constant stream of traf-
fic passed along it. "Convoys" of motor
ambulances rolled down the road filled
with sick and wounded, while drafts were
always moving up to replace the waste
of war. Long strings of lorries churned
up the dust, bearing supplies and mun-
itions up to the front line. Every day one
of these stopped to drop our rations and
occasionally an old paper, or a wildly
fantastic rumour, but except for this we
were completely cut off from the world
and the war.

The work was not arduous. The
natives gave little trouble, for Macedonia
understands war from bitter experiences
and does not chafe at the restrictions
imposed by it. The word "pass" was
quickly learnt and understood, and the
only occasions on which trouble was
caused was when an out-of-date pass had
not been renewed. Even this was quickly
adjusted and as my predecessor had pro-
phesied, I had plenty of time on my hands.
At first I endeavoured to learn Greek, but
my efforts were frustrated by the fact that
Christoforos would insist on talking
English. He had spent three years in
Cardiff, which he described as "a beauti-
ful city indeed," and his English had a
strong Welsh flavour, but he was

immensely proud of it. It soon palled
however, and not being versed in
etymology, I took up cooking as a hobby.
Even before my researches with Chris-
toforos I had learnt the one Greek word
universally known throughout the British
Army, "AVGA" or eggs. By dint of
buying these from passing hawkers, and
with the aid of ration cheese, I soon
became able to concoct most savoury
meesses, and I was looking forward to the
gourds and egg-plants coming into season
when I received orders to rejoin my unit.
It is decreed that anyone who adapts
himself to circumstances in one place
shall immediately be transferred to
another. This is one of the minor horrors
of war.

COLD WATER LACKING.

American and Canadian visitors to
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or dinner. Then, after an interval, the
water is brought half-reluctantly and in a
lukewarm and uninviting condition.

Dr. Arrow-Smith, of the American-
Belgian Relief Committee, stated to an
interviewer recently:—(Owing to awful
brutalities the Belgian hatred of the
Germans grows hotter daily. I recently
visited a hospital, containing returned
deported Belgians, and it was heartrend-
ing to see the wrecks of men of 25 years
of age who look to be 60. Some of the
men had black feet, as a result of the
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A CONTEMPT OF COURT CASE AT SHANGHAI

EDITOR PROCEEDED AGAINST.

The full Supreme Court, consisting of Sir Harilaid de Saumarez (Judge) and Mr. Skinner Turner (Assistant Judge) held a session on the 15th inst., when an application was made, on the complaint of Mr. Ronald Macleod, in reference to the recent case of Marsh v. Morris, that Mr. O. M. Green, editor of the N. C. Daily News, be either committed to prison or fined for contempt of court.

Mr. Macleod appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. F. C. Master for the respondent.

Mr. Macleod said the case had reference to an article published on July 12th headed "Justice and the Public." The verdict was described as "appalling" and lower down, quoting from the judgment of the learned assistant Judge, that "there is no reasonable relation to the damage done," the article proceeded: "That also was the general opinion five minutes after the case closed." Also that "few people were not astounded at the figure which the jury fixed."

It was one thing, Mr. Macleod said, to agree with the Court's judgment, but if they took on parts of what the judge said and expressed their agreement with that in very strong terms, leaving out other things which he said, they were making a comment which was not the comment of the learned Judge. Then follow something which were more serious.

"The point which must have struck most people was that no kind of allowance appears to have been made by the jury for Mr. Morris's motives, although it is an every-day occurrence in law courts for the reasons underlying an offence to be taken into consideration when the penalty has to be adjudged. It is obvious that Mr. Morris had nothing to gain by attacking Mr. Marsh."

A further paragraph Counsel interpreted as meaning that the special damage was necessary.

"The story of this action has a wider issue on which we cannot but touch. The reaction of such verdicts upon the public interest is a more serious one than the jury who so lightly deliver them possibly trouble themselves to think. In recent years the operation of the law of libel has been increasingly unfair to newspapers, which, of course, are most usually concerned in actions of this kind. It is not infrequently complained that newspapers will not publish the truth, as they might be expected to do. The reason is very simple. A newspaper is a business concern, like selling pieces of goods or railway engines, and it simply cannot afford, as the law of libel is now administered, to take the risk of an action. Every newspaper must be sure that its next issue will be bigger than the one before. There are, we regret to say, newspapers which delight in sailing as close to the line as they can, but no distinction between those and the journals of more serious purpose was drawn by any jury. That newspapers have a duty to the public as printers and for the ventilation of wrongs, will hardly be denied. But until they get better support from the public and fuller recognition of their public duty, their purpose than juries recently have been ready to accord them, no one should be astonished if they shrink from an expensive and ungrateful task."

Counsel contended that it was impossible to deny that the article in question was calculated to bring a fair trial if the case had to be tried again. And not only would such an article prejudice a fair trial but it was also likely to prejudice the parties who were attempting to reach a settlement.

Mr. Master for the defence read an affidavit by the defendant in which he said that at the time of writing the article he had never contemplated for a moment that there was any possibility of a new trial taking place and a new jury being empanelled to try the question of damages in view of the fact that both the Judges had stated that if the parties could not agree on the amount of the damages either the Court or one of its Judges would be prepared to assist so as to obviate the necessity and expense of a new trial.

If it had thought for a moment that a new trial would be held to decide the question of damages he would never have written the article.

The article was intended by him to be a general comment on the effect of excessive damages being awarded and defendants in libel actions and the adverse effect such excessive damages would have on the liberty of the press in commenting on affairs of public importance; the case of Marsh v. Morris was brought into the article in order to give point to what he intended to convey. He had no intention whatever of interfering with the due administration of Justice and he wrote that article under circumstances and with the object above stated and he desired to express his unfeigned regret for having done so and to apologize in all sincerity to the Court therefor.

The Chief Judge said:—The power of the Court under article 77, as to the question of a fine, is very limited. We are aware of the opinion of the present time that we are not bound by that limitation. At the same time the matter has not been fully argued before us, and before deciding what we shall do we shall have to look into the matter further. I may say at once that we consider that that article is a contempt and that we propose to deal with it by a fine. Judgment was deferred.

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MIXED TRANSPORT IN MESOPOTAMIA.

[By H. B. C. POLLARD.]

It is on record that an American observer who had been privileged to see that wonderful collection of troops from India, the Dominions and the British Isles that held the line in Flanders, alluded to it as "your Imperial Circus." How much more wonderful would the scene appear to that same American if he were transported to the Tigris front, for there is found a medley of all races, Eastern and Western, and one can see the primitive transport methods of the days of Sennacherib side by side with the wonders of modern mechanical transport.

The stubborn East yields but slowly to the assault of Western methods. Climate, geographical conditions and centuries of tradition are all hostile to innovations, but the British army is adaptable and expert at turning all available natural resources to its aid. Where heavy motor-lorries cannot pass grotesque processions of laden camels can make way, where camels are balked by rocky ground nimble cavalries of basket laden donkeys can climb. Wherever the troops may be, the transport authorities contrive some method of maintaining their service of supplies.

Many and various are the tasks that are undertaken by the Army Service Corps and by the Royal Engineers. In the East their tasks are stupendous, and a man must be able to tackle any kind of transport as the various needs occur.

First come the big ships, with all their detail of unloading stores or animals into lighters, then comes the quayside work, where the lighter loads are off-loaded to the warehouses or camels and donkeys induced to clamber up the gangway to the wharf. From here comes a choice of land transport or inland water transport, a choice which varies with the season and with the urgency with which the various loads of stores are needed at the front.

If the stores are to go by land they are loaded first on to the light railway which runs along the embankment by the river side, and this travels from port to railroad, or point many miles up the Tigris. Here, where the rails run out into a waste of mud, dust and construction work, the motor lorries take them on bumping over the exposed muddy roadway, to the distant distributing dump.

This point can be seen as a pillar of dust in the far distance, and is surrounded by the various animal lines—horses, mules, donkeys and queerous camels, picketed in their appointed spaces and surrounded by their picturesque native drivers. The place looks like a circus encampment halted on the line of march, and belmied British Tommies mingle with Bedouin Arabs, Cairene and Alexandrine donkey boys, Hindu mule drivers and tall, Astrakhan-hatted Persian coolies from Shiraz. Hot in the blazing sun, the scent of the animal lines is sharp in one's nostrils: one is half blinded by dust and bewildered by the babel of native tongues and the cries of donkey and camel drivers, and the resultant impression is that the distributing dump is for all the world like some Barnum and Bailey show.

There are tents and forage and the special smells of hay and camp. The inevitable soldier's dog yaps at the heels of the mules, and indolent natives sprawl asleep by the camp tracks, or quarrel vociferously over some trifling argument. Flies, dust and other worries have to be faced, and the supreme task of getting the loads up to the front and reducing the apparent chaos of a native transport train to order, has to be gone through daily. Yet somehow all goes well and the loads are always delivered in time.

The Transport Officer lives in a lagoon of empty cases, where he establishes an office and deals with endless documents, orders, and returns. The dust overwhelm his face, his ink dries up twice a day, and disassemble in cohorts to stop the white man working. When the wind blows, the office is either buried in sand or carried away. When the floods rise, the office climbs onto a raft or is carried away. When the isolation till the office can be rescued or shifted through waist-deep mud and water to higher ground. Yet still the transport service continues its daily march.

River transport is less romantic. The loads go aboard a shallow, draught steamer, or are stowed in native boats, "bellums," which are towed behind the steamers. The progress is slow, the scenery uninteresting, and the heat intense, but such are the vagaries of the Mesopotamian rivers that the state of the stream is ever changing. New sand banks form where deep water was the day before, so groundings and the slow process of refloating, going astern and finding the right channel, are frequent. Only the swift hospital launches have the right of way of the river; all other craft must submit to the commands of the various landing points where details have to be embarked or disembarked, stores landed, or documents filled in.

The whole business of transport is no easy task, for the same loads, and style of packing, will not suit the light gauge railway, the lorries and the camels or mules. Besides, nothing ever sails a camel or a mule, and the transport service is old and wise in experience of Indian and Egyptian campaigns. What each of these beasts will carry is laid down in tradition in the old, old books of the British army, there is much talk and in the end, the camels move off across the desert, laden as they were in the days of Mahdum and Cromer. In Baghdad to day, all kinds of wrapped port and shoulders in the narrow ways. Aeroplanes, buzz, overhead and, little engine puff along the railroad line. The West has brought new methods to the East, but still the Western Camels do without the older ways, and there is reason for the ancient wisdom: the camel casts upon the new machines.

CHINA TEA HELD UP.

HUNDREDS OF TONS IMPOUNDED.

Muddled Instructions.

Considerably over 2,000,000 lb. of tea are being withheld from the British public owing to the rigidity with which the prohibition of February 23 has been applied by the Government, says a London paper of the 26th ult. The prohibition placed an embargo on all imports of foreign tea from that date, but made no provision for the case of tea bought, with freight and exchange arranged for, previous to that date. The result has been a condition of things which is causing great irritation among importers and buyers.

The China Association has just addressed to the Foreign Office a protest, in which they state:—

Prohibition was declared without any warning, and as the time several firms in China had consignments of tea in groups of shipment which had been paid for in China, and for which exchange and shipping space had been settled. They applied to the Consul-General at Shanghai for information as to how the prohibition would be applied in regard to such cases, but were informed that no instructions had been received. The firms thereupon made affidavits that the tea had been paid for before the date of the prohibition, and shipped it about the beginning of March. The shipments in question have been impounded on arrival, and are held in bond apparently for an indefinite time.

DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

The difficulties of the situation were increased by official intimation from the British authorities in China being delayed until March 16, nearly a month later. The intimation has been enhanced by the fact that the tea conveyed by a vessel which will not reach this country for about another ten days has been released by the authorities, apparently on the ground that although shipment did not actually take place until after the official date the bills of lading were dated prior to that. On the other hand, vessels which arrived here some weeks ago have had their cargo impounded because the date of the bills of lading coincided with the date of the prohibition.

Altogether, about half a million pounds of tea are impounded here (in England), while at Shanghai there are at least 2,000,000 lb. awaiting permission for shipment. All is bought and paid for long before the date of the prohibition, and in the majority of cases freight had been arranged for months. Meanwhile rents, dock and warehouse charges, and other dues, are mounting up, and the drafts relating to the tea are maturing for payment. Even representations from the Consul authorities at Shanghai and Foochow have failed to move the officials here.

V.C. REMOVED TO FREIBURG.

Friends of Captain Leslie Robinson, V.C., the Cuffley hero, who is a prisoner in Germany, have received information that the officer has now been removed to Freiburg, as a precaution against further air raids by the Allies.

Life is short, but ideals are immortal. Lord Gifford seeks at the International Parliamentary Conference, now sitting in Rome, to standardise weights and measures. So did his ancestor, ages ago. They forget one hoary aspiration. Before Waterloo we tried to unify the thermometer scales, of which we have three, incommensurable. The reform was to have been effected at the Congress of Vienna. Too soon an irate little man popped out of Elba, crying, "The Congress is dissolved!"—and Napoleon, Centigrade and Fahrenheit remain to challenge and exasperate.—
"Daily Chronicle."

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THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidators of Messrs. JAMES & CO. in pursuance of an order of the Hongkong Government to sell by Public Auction at 12 o'clock (Noon) on

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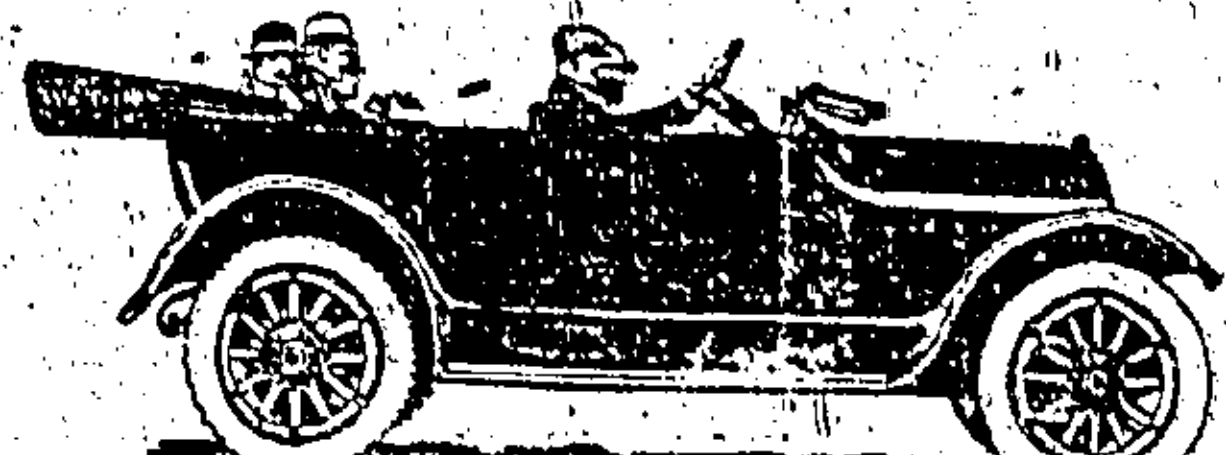
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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

A SMASHING ATTACK.
MISLEADING GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

Paris, July 26. A French semi-official report shows that it was a smashing attack, carried out in the best French style, on July 24, which regained, in one hour, the dominating positions at Craonne plateau which the enemy took four days to capture at a cost of sanguinary losses.

The report states that "The German higher command following its usual customary method, has so far, not mentioned this defeat; on the contrary, it is actually stated in yesterday's communiqué that the attack at Craonne failed. Comment is needless."

ENEMY'S TREMENDOUS AND COSTLY EFFORTS.

THEIR PROPORTIONS NOW BEGINNING TO BE REALISED.

London, July 26. The tremendous proportions of the Germans' fruitless and most costly efforts made by the Germans to capture the heights on the Aisne Front, which the French had regained, are only now beginning to be fully realised.

It transpires that two German Armies, General von Boehm's and General von Foller's, comprising eight Divisions, of which three were Prussian, three Westphalian, one Bavarian and one Baden, totalling approximately 100,000 men, participated in the general assault from Cerny as far as the Calais Plateau.

The principal effort was directed against Craonne Plateau. The enemy losses were very heavy and the celebrated 20th Brandenburg Regiment almost disappeared.

The French losses were comparatively light.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

London, July 26. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We successfully carried out a raid to the south-east of Arras.

London, July 26. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The weather interfered with air fighting. We brought down one German machine. One of ours is missing.

LOANS TO BRITAIN'S ALLIES AND DOMINIONS.

London, July 26. Mr. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has corrected his statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday as regards the loans to the Allies and the Dominions.

It should read: "The total advances to the Allies were £1,025,000,000 in addition to £146,000,000 to the Dominions; the total thus being £1,171,000,000."

GERMAN REPORTS.

THE OPERATIONS IN FLANDERS.

London, July 26. A German official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—

The artillery battle has continued with undiminished intensity between the coast and Ypres. The English reconnoitring thrusts continued to be unsuccessful. Our flame-throwers captured an important trench on a sector near Monchy. Three enemy attempts to recapture the position failed.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

We stormed a French position on a front of 1,800 metres to a depth of 400 metres, to the south of Ailles.

We captured a dominating ridge to the north-west of Hurbise.

We raided and captured ground at Hochberg. The French suffered sanguinary losses in counter-attacking these places.

We took 1,150 prisoners.

A CANADIAN LOAN.

New York, July 26. The Canadian Loan of \$100,000,000, for two years, will be negotiated with a syndicate which will include Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. and Messrs. Brown Brothers.

A PACIFIST MOTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MR. ASQUITH'S COMMENT.

London, July 26. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, on behalf of the quintet of pacifist Members, moved a resolution asking the House to endorse the sentiments of the Reichstag resolution which are as follows:—"That the German people, as declared on August 4th, 1914, do not desire conquests, that they are fighting for liberty, independence, and the integrity of their territory; that they desire a peace of conciliation and a lasting reconciliation of all peoples; an economic peace; and the freedom of the seas."

The resolution further asked the House to restate the peace aims and also that the forthcoming Allied Conference on the war aims shall include democratic representatives besides diplomats.

Mr. Asquith traced the origin of the Reichstag resolution to which he declared, too much importance was attached. "Peace was to the supreme interest of mankind, but the all important condition was that it must not defeat the purpose for which Great Britain and the Allied Nations were at war and must not render wasteful the great sacrifices that have been made."

Mr. Asquith welcomed the forthcoming Allied Conference initiated by Russia, where the war aims would be re-stated, because new facts with a practical bearing had recently emerged, namely the cessation of Russian autocracy and the entry of the United States into the war. The Allied forces comprised an overwhelming majority of free peoples and the world policy of this great and unprecedented aggregation of free peoples was solely freedom. No peace would be worth having which restored the previous *status quo ante*, which left small countries at the mercy of dynastic intrigue and military coercion. The governing principle should be the interests and wishes of the people affected by the change in the rearrangement of the map. He asked explicitly if Germany was prepared to adhere to that policy and principle. The Reichstag resolution had not disclosed it.

WOMAN SPY SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Paris, July 27. The dancer, Marguerite Zell, known as "Mathurin," who was born in the Dutch Indies, has been sentenced to death for espionage.

BRITISH TEA SUPPLIES.

London, July 27. In the House of Commons, Mr. Clynnes, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Ministry of Food, stated that a scheme for taking full control of all supplies of tea arriving in England was being drawn up, after a consultation with the representatives of the trades concerned. This would provide for the securing of the benefit of reduced prices to the consumer.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

London, July 26. The Press Bureau announces that the Irish Convention, at its second meeting, appointed a Preliminary Procedure Committee. The Convention then adjourned until August 8.

The feeling in Dublin is more hopeful, regarding the Irish Convention. The choice of Sir H. Plunkett as Chairman, is approved. He has an intimate knowledge of all sections of the Irish people and is respected by all. He is also entirely detached from recent party politics and has been a life-long worker for the practical regeneration of Ireland.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, July 27. Silver is quoted at 39½. There are increased offerings and the market has an easy tendency.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S SON ALL ENLIST.

Theodore, Jr., Kermit and Archibald the three eldest sons of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, as well as his son-in-law, Dr. Richard Derby, who for some time was attached to the American Ambulance at Neuilly, outside Paris, are now in training at the Plattsburg instruction camp for officers. Mr. Quentin Roosevelt, the former President's youngest son, has volunteered as an aviator.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

BRITISH SHIPPING REPORT.

London, July 25. The Admiralty's weekly shipping report states:—

Arrivals	2,791
Departures	2,791
Vessels sunk (over 1,000 tons)	21
Vessels sunk (under 1,000 tons)	3
Vessels unsuccessfully attacked	15
Fishing vessels sunk	1

ITALIAN SHIPPING REPORT.

Rome, July 26. The Italian Shipping Report for the week ending July 22 states:—

Arrivals	593
Departures	530
Vessels sunk	2

FRENCH SHIPPING REPORT.

Paris, July 26. The French shipping returns for the week states:—

Arrivals	1,063
Departures	937
Vessels sunk	0
Vessels unsuccessfully attacked	6

THE ENEMY STEAMERS AT BANGKOK.

MACHINERY DAMAGED.

Bangkok, July 23. The machinery of the Austrian and German steamers were damaged by small explosions.

All male enemies have been interned for the duration of the war and enemy business houses will be wound up.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIA FRONT.

RUSSIAN RETREAT CONTINUES.

London, July 26. A Russian official message, transmitted by wireless, states:—

Northward of Kievo our detachments occupying enemy trenches retired, owing to powerful artillery fire.

The Guards Corps, with the exception of the Petrovsky brigade, voluntarily retired at Tamopol, the Petrovskys faithfully battling southward of the town.

The enemy crossed the Sereth, driving back the Russians to the Myszkowice river.

On the Guizna-Trembowla line, we offered great opposition eastward of Myszkowice.

The Germans continued the offensive between the Sereth and the Strypa.

Three divisions north-westward of Romanov retreated to the rear.

The Germans forced our retirement in the region of Olesha, despite the gallantry of one Infantry Division and two Cyclist Battalions.

Southward of the Dniester, as far as the Carpathians, our retirement has continued, and we are engaging in rear-guard actions. There was stubborn bayonet fighting in the streets of Stanislaw, and the inhabitants from balconies and windows threw hand-grenades at our departing troops.

RUMANIANS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

Jassy, July 26. A Rumanian official report states:—

We took the offensive in the southern Carpathians and occupied the villages Mieresi and Velocany.

We captured hundreds of prisoners and nineteen guns, including several of heavy calibre.

We broke through along a wide front a strongly-organised enemy line.

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THE BRITISH FRONT.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

London, July 26. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Following a heavy bombardment eastward of Monchy-le-Preaux, the enemy, using flamme-throwers, attacked Infantry Hill and drove in a few of our advanced posts on a front of 250 yards.

We drove off raiders northward of Bullecourt.

We raided enemy trenches at a number of points northward of Ypres.

The weather restricted aerial operations, but we drove down four German machines. Three of our machines are missing.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, July 25. A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—

A most powerful artillery fire continued in Flanders. We drove back repeated English thrusts.

RHEIMS SUFFERS AGAIN.

London, July 25. A French communiqué states:—

Reciprocal artillery fire continued most lively, especially on the Calais and Cosmes Plateaux and at Moronvillers and the left of the Meuse.

Five hundred and sixty-seven shells were thrown into Rheims.

RESULTS OF THE GERMAN EFFORT.

London, July 25. A German official message, transmitted by wireless, states:—

Strong French attacks, supported by fresh divisions, failed in Craonne.

THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES.

London, July 25. Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters report shows that the magnificent counter-attack on the 24th inst., resulting in throwing out the enemy from the Casemates, practically deprived him of gains which had temporarily fortified him a coveted view point over the French positions. He has nothing to show for his great effort except thousands of casualties and that the very pick of the Germans were unmistakably defeated.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.

London, July 25. It was officially announced in Berlin on the 22nd inst. that the British submarine C24 was sunk by an enemy submarine.

One stoker survived and was made prisoner.

THE OPERATIONS IN AFRICA.

THE PURSUIT OF THE ENEMY.

London, July 25. An official report states:—

In an action at Narongombe on the 19th inst., over difficult and hilly bush country, the enemy's losses were heavy. The enemy was driven out of all his positions, and the main body retreated towards the Abernaki Valley.

A small detachment retreated in a south-westerly direction.

A small German column in the northern area was reported on the 20th inst. upon the north shore of Lake Manyara, westward of Arusha, and the column from Songea on the 21st inst. came into contact with the retreating enemy 58 miles southward of Muhenge, and we are pursuing.

In Portuguese East Africa enemy detachments from southern Nyassa land are hastily retreating towards the Bovera River.

THE NINEPENNY LOAF.

London, July 26. In the House of Commons, Mr. Clynnes, on behalf of the Food Controller, foreshadowed a far-reaching scheme of local control in regard to food sales and distribution. The Government is taking over all the important flour mills, which will supply bakers at a price to enable the sale of a ninepenny loaf, which is compulsory. An Exchequer subsidy will meet the difference between the purchase and sale price of wheat by the mills. The Food Controller, impressed with the necessity for securing the overseas surplus, had arranged for the acquisition of stocks of wheat and a minimum monthly accommodation as a first charge on British shipping. Steps were being considered to discontinue the competition between the Army and civilian food purchases.

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SOCIALISTS' CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

London, July 26. At a meeting of the Russian representatives and British Labourites of all sections, it was decided to hold an Allied Socialists' Conference in London on August 6th.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY APPOINTED.

London, July 26. It is officially announced that the Irish Convention have unanimously appointed Sir H. C. Plunkett as Chairman and Sir F. J. S. Hopwood as Secretary.

BRITISH MERCHANT-CRUISER SUNK.

London, July 25. The Admiralty announces that the merchant-cruiser, *Orsay* was torpedoed and sunk in Northern waters on the 22nd inst. Ten men were killed and the remainder were saved.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

(The "Chinese Mail" Service.)

REPORTED LOAN NEGOTIATIONS.

Peking, July 25. Press reports state that the Government is negotiating a loan of \$20,000,000 from a Japanese Bank.

THE EX-EMPEROR.

Hsuan Tung, the ex-Emperor, who was frightened into illness by recent events has recovered.

THE FUGITIVES.

Kang Yu Wei and Liang Tun Yen have left the Dutch Legation and sought refuge elsewhere.

LUNG CHAI KWONG.

Lung Chai Kwong (the former Tachun of Canton who has been filling a sinecure at Hohow during the past twelve months or so) has sent a representative to Peking to consult with General Feng Kuo Chang (the Acting President). It is expected that Lung Chai Kwong will himself come to Peking to see the Premier.

NEW CIVIL GOVERNOR FOR CANTON.

Lau Shing Yan has been appointed Civil Governor of Canton. Pending his arrival Chan Ping Kwan will act in his stead.

Chu Ling 'Lau has been appointed Civil Governor of Kwangsi.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

CONDITIONS ON WHICH HE WILL GO TO PEKING.

SHANGHAI, June 25. General Feng Kuo Chang has telegraphed to the Premier stating that he will come to Peking on the following conditions:—

That he shall be allowed to bring with him his military retinue; to converse with Parliament within three months and to appoint Chai Yau Lum the Tukwan of Kiangsu.

THE PRESIDENT'S "MEDICAL EXPENSES."

Chui Sit Sung and Nei Sze Chung both attack Liang Kai Chui most strongly, because the latter has appropriated \$100,000 from the Treasury and sent the money to Li Yuan Hung as medical expenses.

THE PROVINCES AND THE PARLIAMENT.

The Cabinet has sent out a circular telegram to the provinces with the object of "sounding opinion" regarding Parliament and to ascertain the general idea as to the wish to convene a Provisional Senate.

CHINA AND THE WAR.

It is reported, that owing to the belief that China will soon declare war on Germany, the Austrian Minister intends to ask the Spanish Minister to protect Austrian interests in China. The former intends to return to Austria as soon as war is declared.

The Cabinet has held a second regular meeting. To Fa Lung Liang Kai Chin, Cho Yu Lum and the other new Ministers all attended. The Cabinet first discussed the preparations for declaring war and then discussed the financial question.

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Right cheery memories have I of a certain cabin (rental one penny per day, and that paid with a grumble) in which a group of men, tanned by the winds and weather of all climes used to muster daily and pass the world by in a sort of anecdotal review while the old ship rolled. Sailors' yarns have the fascinating quality that comes of spontaneity. No suspicion of an ordered sequence dims the glowing reality of the scenes they depict. One hears the birds and visualises palm-fringed beaches in the South Seas; a shake of the kaleidoscope and there emerges a picture of Boatwain Sai and Hongkong harbour; then swiftly this gives place to one of the ice-bound north, while the Ladies or the Straits will surely drop in due turn. For the talk, you must know, runs hither and thither, as the caprice of memory or the trend of reminiscence may deflect it; flashing round the world with the swiftness of a weaver's shuttle through the web on his loom.

And there are quaint touches in it. A man will suddenly break off "doubling Cape Horn" to ask: "That's Trafalgar, where they've got Nelson pinned in top o' Whitehall, ain't it? Well, this ship was Cockney," and the aside having served to elucidate a point in the narrative, the speaker goes back to Cape Horn again. To you, landmen the uncertainty about the location of Trafalgar may seem to reveal a strange ignorance. But does it? Why should the sailor who lives in the Great Freedom of the salt water bother about learning the topography of an unlikely place as

London, which is always anchored in the same spot?

Only the comic-opera Jack Tar "chivers his timbers" or "hitches up his slacks." Real sailor talk differs widely from this stage patter. For one thing it is much more puzzling. If a naval man asked you to "come aboard and make your number" you might guess a long time before you realised that, in plain English, he had simply invited you to call upon him. Having got thus far in your education the "come aboard" grows fairly obvious. "Make your number" means "send in your name." Upon arriving at a port or joining a ship, sailors announce their identity by "making their number." Hence the origin of the phrase, "Top, your boom" has an opposite signification, conveying that your room would be preferred to your company. Telling a man to "pipe down" is equivalent to asking him to cease talking. "Clew up" has a similar meaning. If Jack wished to explain that "the way" is open to all he would put it that there is "a free gangway." Spending of someone who had started at the bottom and climbed, he would probably tell you that the individual "came in through the hawse hole," an ancient way of expressing that one joined as an ordinary seaman. "Kix in your st' m' tails" means "put down your elbows," while to say that anyone has "reeved his arm through the ring bolt" indicates he is taking his ease. An indolent person "hangs on the slack." A man does not die or get killed; he "loses the number of his men." An indifferent fellow is contemptuously referred to as "bilge." The sailor who meets with a set-back has "dipped" or "got ditched." An admiral or captain dismissed from his command is described as "beached" or, it may be, "put upon the beach." Bluebacks do not quarrel; they "part brass rays," and when Jack thinks it is time to have a drink he coals his "eyeballs" forward, and remarks that "the sun has come over the foreyard."

For the most part sea talk has its roots in the days of the square-rigged ship. But the war is enlivening it with new phrases. Among the most curious of these is "zapping in a cloud," which, though you would never guess it, is Jack's new name for this familiar salutation: "Goodbye! Goodbye! (Jack stuffs in Daily Mail)

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Major D. Macdonald, V.D.

MONTHLY STATE OF STRENGTH.
O. C.s are reminded that the Monthly State of Strength is to reach the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m. on 31st inst. JONES.

Sapper C. Hatt joined the Corps on 24.7.17, is allotted Corps No. 2101 and posted to Engineer Company.

LEAVE.

Major D. Macdonald V.D. is granted 2 months leave, from 2nd August 1917.

Pte. W. J. Dwyer No. 2005, is granted 2 weeks' leave, from 27.7.17.

Pte. J. C. Owen No. 1925, is granted 1 month's leave, from 2.8.17.

Spr. G. N. Manley No. 1974, is granted 1 month's leave, from 26.7.17.

PARADES.

Monday 30th instant:—

5.30 p.m. Section M. G. Co. at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.30 p.m. Right Section M. G. Co. and Scouts Company at Headquarters under unit Commanders. Tests of elementary training.

5.30 p.m. Drills of all units on Burying Ground under Corps.

Grimes, Edmonds and Edmonds and Lee Corp. Meade.

Tuesday 31st instant:—

7.10 a.m. Scouts Company M. G. Co. Detachment at Headquarters.

5.40 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Happy Valley.

Wednesday, 1st August:—

5.00 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. parade at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Right Section M. G. Co. at Headquarters under unit Commander. Tests of elementary training.

Thursday 2nd August:—

7.10 a.m. Scouts Company M. G. Co. Detachment at Headquarters.

5.00 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (Layers and Setters only) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

Friday 3rd August:—

7.10 a.m. Scouts Company (men detailed by Corp. Cassidy) at Headquarters. Musketry instruction.

7.30 a.m. Belchers "B" Section at Belchers Battery.

5.00 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (Gun numbers other than specialists) at Belchers Battery.

5.30 p.m. Right Section M. G. Co. at Headquarters under unit Commander. Tests of elementary training.

5.30 p.m. Drills of all units on Burying Ground under Corps Grimes, Edmonds and Edmonds and Lee Corp. Meade.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "B" class at R. A. Theatre.

Saturday 4th August:—

4.30 p.m. Special Parade at Headquarters for members of the Corps. (Infantry) unable to attend drills ordered on 20th instant and 1st and 3rd August. One N.C.O. from each unit and 3rd men will attend.

DETAIL.

On duty 5th August, Scouts Company.

On duty 6th August, Scouts Company.

On duty 7th August, Right Section M. G. Co.

On duty 8th August, Centre Section M. G. Co.

On duty 9th August, Scouts Company.

On duty 10th August, Scouts Company.

On duty 11th August, Right Section M. G. Co.

Orderly Officer from 5th to 11th August, Lieut. Wright.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

DETAIL.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, the 29th July, to the morning of Sunday, the 5th August: "A" Coy. H.K.V.R.

Orderly Officer: Lieut. J. Owen Hughes.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday, 30th July:—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osberry.

Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section: The whole section will parade at Happy Valley for Station Work. Fall in at monument 6.30 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Mounted Section at Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Tuesday, 31st July:—

"A" and "B" Coys. and Recruits on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m., Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Tests of Elementary Training Musketry. Officers and N.C.O.s will compare conducting the tests laid down in para. 297-99 Chap. IV, Musketry Regulations Part I 1909 (Reprint 1912). Copies of the para. referred to may be obtained on application at the Orderly Room.

Every man including exempted men must attend this parade. Coy. Adjutant Major will send to the Adjutant on Wednesday, 1st August a list of all "exempted" men, therein those absent from the Colley or sick leave.

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For Week-Days SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

Tai O... 5.00 P.M.

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Cheung Chow... 2.00 P.M.

Shaukeuk, Sha Tin and Shing Shui... 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Auen, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin, Stanley... 4.30 P.M.

Canton Samsui (7.30 A.M. 5.00 P.M. and Wanchow (Letters 6 P.M.)

Macao (7.15 A.M. 9.00 A.M. 1.30 P.M.)

Kowloon (6.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M. Except Saturdays)

Namtan and Samui... 5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.

Shamshui... 10.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

Shamshui... 4.00 P.M.

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Tai Ping (9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.)

Shak Kiu (9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.)

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TEMPERATURE.

Hongkong, July 27, 1917.

Barometer 9 A.M. 29.72

Do 4 P.M. 29.71

Thermometer 9 A.M. 78

Do 4 P.M. 80

Do (wet bulb) 9 A.M. 76

Do (wet bulb) 4 P.M. 78

Do (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 75

Do (Wet bulb) 4 P.M. 77

Do (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 74

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour... 10 cents

Half hour... 20 "

One hour... 30 "

Three hours... 1.00 "

Six hours... 1.50 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)... 2.00 "

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. extra shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour... 0.75 cents

Three hours... 1.50 "

Six hours... 2.00 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)... 2.00 "

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour... \$0.15 \$0.30

Half hour... 0.20 0.40

One hour... 0.30 0.60

Three hours... 0.90 1.50

Six hours... 1.00 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)... 1.50 2.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes... 5 cents

Quarter hour... 10 "

Half hour... 15 "

One hour... 20 "

Every subsequent hour... 20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., on be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour... 5 cents

Half hour... 10 "

One hour... 15 "

Every subsequent hour... 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile... 75 cents, 1 hour.

single return... 1.00, 2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 8th mile... 1.00, 2 hours.

single return... 1.20, 4 hours.

Beyond 8th to 12th mile... 1.20, 4 hours.

single return... 1.50, 6 hours.

Beyond 12th to 16th mile... 1.50, 6 hours.

single return... 2.00, 8 hours.

Beyond 16th to 20th mile... 2.00, 8 hours.

single return... 2.50, 10 hours.

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

Not exceeding per passenger.

From Slaughter House to Samsui... 04 cents.

From Samsui to Government Civil Hospital... 04 "

From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower... 04 "

From Clock Tower to Race Course... 10 "

From Clock Tower to Bay View House... 12 "

From Wanchai Market to Bay View House... 08 "

From Bay View House to Quarry Bay... 08 "

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour... 10 cents

Half hour... 20 "

One hour... 30 "

Two hours... 50 "

Three hours... 75 "

Four hours... 1.00 "

Five hours... 1.25 "

Six hours... 1.50 "

One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour... 10 cents

Half hour... 20 "

One hour... 30 "

Two hours... 50 "

Three hours... 75 "

Four hours... 1.00 "

Five hours... 1.25 "

Six hours... 1.50 "

One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 11.40—No returns from Japan stations. Pressure has again increased slightly from Hongkong to Wahaiei; it has decreased slightly over Formosa, Amami and the Philippines. An anticyclone probably covers Japan and the depression remains central in the vicinity of Haiphong.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.60 inch. Total since January 1st, 54.46 inches, against an average of 45.73 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 28th July:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: S.E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamecks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN JULY.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of July, 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Ends.
July 27th, 5.42 a.m.	7.16 p.m.	
" 28th, 5.42 "	7.16 "	
" 29th, 5.43 "	7.15 "	
" 30th, 5.43 "	7.15 "	
" 31st, 5.44 "	7.14 "	

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JULY 27, 1917.—A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind.
Wlstock ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Memuro ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Hokodate ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Tokio ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Kochi ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Nagasaki ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Kagoshima ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Oshima ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Naha ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Ishijima ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Bonin Island ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Wei-hai-wei ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Hankow ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Ichang ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Sinkiang ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Changsha ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Shanghai ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Gutaiaff ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Shark Pk ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Amoy ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Swatow ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Taichoku ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Taichu ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Tainan ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Koshun ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Pesadores ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Canton ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Hongkong ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Gap Rock ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Macao ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Wuchow ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Pakhoi ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Hoihow ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Phullen ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Touran ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
C. St. James ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Apariti ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Dagupan ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Manila ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Legaspi ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Tacloban ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Iloilo ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Surigao ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Guam ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f
Labuan ..	6 a.	30.03	71	95	1	1	f